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Corps of Engineers awards contract for construction of road in Ghazni Province

KABUL, Afghanistan – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in association with the Afghanistan Ministry of the Interior, awarded a contract for the construction of a 20-kilometer road in Ghazni Province.

The contract was awarded on Sept. 6. Construction is scheduled to begin in September and be complete in February 2012. The contract was awarded to Omran Consulting Construction and Engineering Company, which is based in Kabul. The project is expected to employ 200 workers at its peak.

The stretch of road will connect the city of Ghazni to the Jaghato District and is the first in a three-phase construction effort to connect the city of Ghazni to the Nawur District center. The road is expected to enhance commerce by connecting the province's agricultural areas to markets in more populated areas. The road will eventually connect to Highway 1.

The road is part of a larger effort by the U.S. and Afghan governments to build roads, runways and other infrastructure projects as well as hundreds of Afghan police stations and army bases to increase the country's security and stability.

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